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**COMBINED DECLARATION
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Connector for Earth Moving Implements

the specification of which was described and claimed in International application no. PCT/NZ2003/000233 filed on 21 October 2003.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

PRIORITY CLAIM

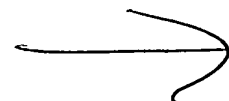
I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of the foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION

Country	Application No.	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed
New Zealand	522170	24 October 2002	Yes

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